



King County

Department of Executive Services
Records and Licensing Services Division
Regional Animal Services

Looking for lost pets and claiming impounded pets

If a lost pet is turned in to Regional Animal Services of King County, or picked up by one of our Animal Control Officers, we will try to identify the pet and call its owners. This is why pet licenses are so important. A licensed pet can be returned to you faster, and we will also attempt to deliver the pet to your home and skip the shelter entirely. Lost animals are also scanned for microchips.

If the pet does not have ID, or if we cannot return it home right away, we will impound the animal and shelter it for safekeeping and give you time to look for it.

Stray/unlicensed animals impounded will be held for 3 days (72 hours) to allow owners to redeem them. Licensed pets are held 5 days. When a licensed animal is impounded, we will attempt to return the animal home prior to its being taken to the animal shelter.

A recorded roster of impounded animals can be heard by calling 206-296-PETS (7387) and press 311 for dogs or 312 for cats. It remains the responsibility of the owner to locate missing pets. Pet owners are encouraged to visit the shelter in Kent and physically check for a missing pet. The Kent Animal Shelter is located at 21615 - 64th Avenue S., Kent WA 98032.

We also suggest you post "lost pet" flyers in your area, canvassing your neighborhood and asking if anyone has seen your lost pet, and placing classified ads in local papers or online.

Some Web sites offer help in reuniting families with their lost pets. Consider posting an image of your lost pet on a site such as www.returnmypet.com or using an animal search site such as www.petharbor.com.

For questions or comments, please call 206-296-PETS (7387) to reach the Kent shelter or e-mail pets@kingcounty.gov.